UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 2, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. McGowan
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the reports in this case be disseminated to the Department and that Birmingham be instructed to disseminate one copy of each of the reports to the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham.

BACKGROUND:

Based upon evidence left at the scene of the crime and investigation conducted, we established that a person using the name of Eric Starvo Galt was responsible for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. With Department approval and authorization of the U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, we obtained a warrant of arrest for Galt in Birmingham, Alabama, on 4/17/68.

We have subsequently determined that James Earl Ray's fingerprints match the latent fingerprints developed on the evidence, and we are conducting an investigation to locate and apprehend James Earl Ray.

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The Atlanta, Birmingham, Los Angeles, and Memphis Offices have submitted reports on this case. At the outset of this investigation Attorney General Ramsey Clark requested a copy of any reports and thereafter Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, Stephen J. Pollak, requested a copy of any report. The U. S. Attorney in Birmingham, has requested that we submit our investigative reports to them as soon as possible. To date the reports have not been disseminated. The evidence as submitted by Memphis has been returned to the Memphis Police Department accompanied by a report reflecting the results of our Laboratory examination.

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RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that we have returned the evidence to the Memphis Police Department and in view of the fact that if the subject is located and apprehended we will need to show identity and probable cause, it is recommended that the reports be disseminated in the Department. The Department will be specifically advised in writing that the reports or the contents thereof are for their use only and they should not be disclosed to any person outside the Department. USA, Birmingham will be so advised also in writing.

If approved, it is recommended that the attached teletype be transmitted to Birmingham and Memphis.